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DISPATCH		CLASSIFICATION SECRET	PROCESSING ACTION
TO	Chief, European Division	X	MARKED FOR INDEXING (See Att.) sheet
INFO.	Chief of Station, Germany		NO INDEXING REQUIRED
FROM	Chief of Base, Munich		ONLY QUALIFIED DESK CAN JUDGE INDEXING
SUBJECT	CATUSK Visit to Munich of Anthony BROWN, Journalist with Brig Gen Edward L. SIBERT		
ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES			
FYI			
<p>1. In connection with his farewell visit to the States in the summer of 1968, UTILITY came into contact with Brig Gen Edward L. SIBERT, USA (Retired), who was the Theater G-2 at the time of the establishment of U.S. relationships with CATUSK. Gen SIBERT gave the go-ahead signal that brought CATUSK under U.S. Army sponsorship. Through the years there has been an infrequent contact between Gen SIBERT and UTILITY. In retirement Gen SIBERT has been working on a book based upon his wartime and immediate postwar intelligence activities, not including any detailed section with regard to CATUSK. Gen SIBERT requested UTILITY to write a 1,000-word preface to his book, which UTILITY agreed to do.</p> <p>2. Subsequent to UTILITY's return from the United States Gen SIBERT appeared on the scene along with a Mr. Anthony BROWN, ex-London Journalist and currently representative of Harper and Row, SIBERT's publishers. Gen SIBERT had lost the directions furnished by UTILITY for getting in touch with him, hence SIBERT called at U.S. Consulate General in Munich requesting to be put in contact with UTILITY. On receipt of this request at the Consulate, [] called the office of COB Munich and obtained the unlisted telephone number of UTILITY, which [] in turn furnished to Gen SIBERT. UTILITY and Gen SIBERT met, and Anthony BROWN was introduced to UTILITY by Gen SIBERT. After Gen SIBERT's departure from Germany, the manager of the Hotel Splendid where BROWN was staying contacted the U.S. Consulate General, since the manager understood that Gen SIBERT was sponsoring BROWN, and complained that BROWN had not paid a sizeable bill at the hotel. The manager said that he intended to take the matter to the police--which would make the incident subject to exposure and exploitation by the Munich press. To avoid this, Munich Base contacted UTILITY who stated that, although he was not immediately able to do so, in a few days he would certainly be willing to honor Gen SIBERT's</p> <p>-CONTINUED-</p> <p>ATTACHMENT: (Under Separate Cover)</p> <p>Memos/Letters</p> <p>Distribution: 13 - C/Eur Div w/att 2 - COS/Germany w/att</p> <p>1 att 5/c</p> <p>3/100000</p>			
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<p>check left by BROWN to satisfy the debt at the Hotel Splendid. With this assurance, [] drew an advance to cover Gen SIBERT's check. The hotel was paid, UTILITY refunded the money, and the advance was repaid in full.</p>		
<p>3. At []'s request, UTILITY wrote to Gen SIBERT explaining that Munich Base had been reimbursed for what it had expended, and should be considered out of the picture. In addition, UTILITY strongly urged Gen SIBERT to maintain control of BROWN and to insure that he made no further contact on this matter with the U.S. Consulate General or OCA offices.</p>		
<p>4. Attached are a number of memoranda and copies of letters which describe this charade in detail. These memoranda/letters were written during development of the case in order to have as coherent as possible a wrap-up account of what took place, and with/by whom, on the supposition that this tempest could be controlled locally without deluging Headquarters and Bonn with a stream of blow-by-blow reports. A general outline of these events was given to [] on his recent visit to Munich Base.</p>		
<p>5. UTILITY was greatly embarrassed at the turn of events and apologized profusely with many expressions of appreciation to us for taking the emergency initiative that kept Gen SIBERT and "Die Gruppe UTILITY" from another splash in the press.</p>		
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